

Labour Market Brief

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Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for **South Australia** released in February for January showed that in **seasonally adjusted** terms:

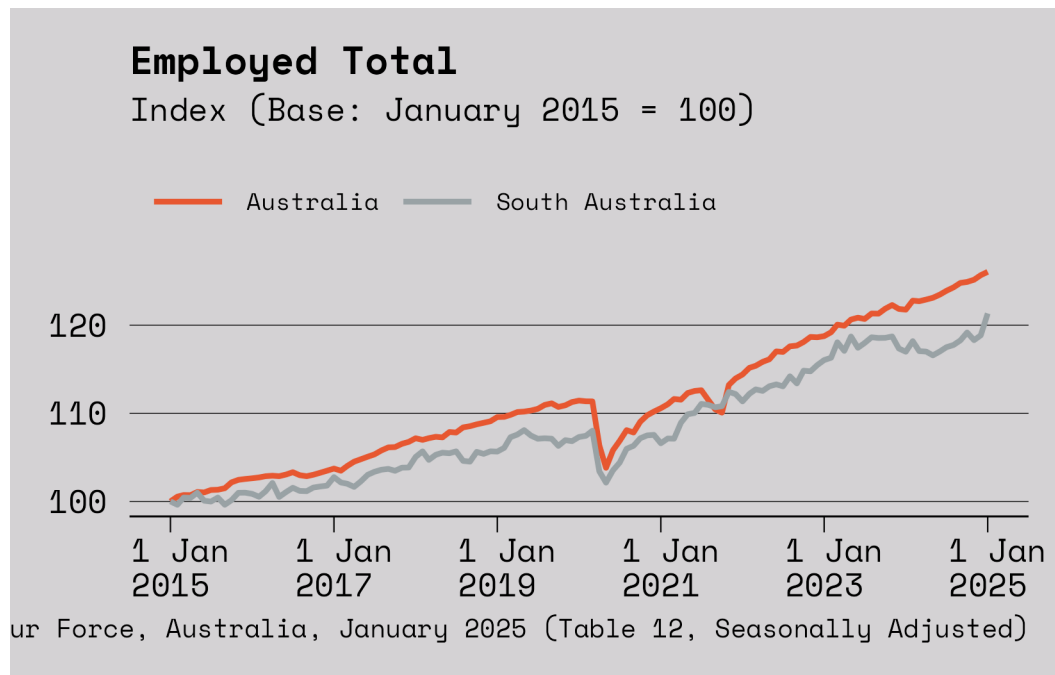
- Total *employment* increased by 19,900 (2.0%) to 0.97 million people.
 - Over the past year, employment in South Australia has increased by 35 (3.6%).
- Total *unemployment* increased by 400 (1.0%) to 41,800 people, and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.1%.
 - Over the past year, unemployment in South Australia has increased by 2 (5.3%), and the unemployment rate has remained steady at 4.1%.
- Total *underutilisation* has increased by 8,100 (7.4%) to 109,000 people, and the *under-utilisation rate* increased by 0.6 percentage points to 10.8%.
 - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 6 (–5.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 1.0 percentage points.

Nationally in January:

- Total *employment* increased by 44,000 (0.3%) to 14.63 million people.
 - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 498 (3.4%).
- Total *unemployment* increased by 23,400 (3.7%) to 627,500 people and the *unemployment rate* increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.1%.
 - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 25 (4.0%) and the *unemployment rate* has remained steady at 4.1%.
- Total *underutilisation* increased by 29,800 (1.9%) to 1.54 million people, and the *under-utilisation rate* increased by 0.1 percentage points to 10.1%.
 - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 49 (–3.2%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 0.7 percentage points.

Employment

- In January, seasonally adjusted employment in South Australia increased by 19,900 (2.0%) to 0.97 million people.
- Compared with January last year, total employment in South Australia has increased by 35 (3.6%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 44,000 (0.3%) to 14.63 million people.

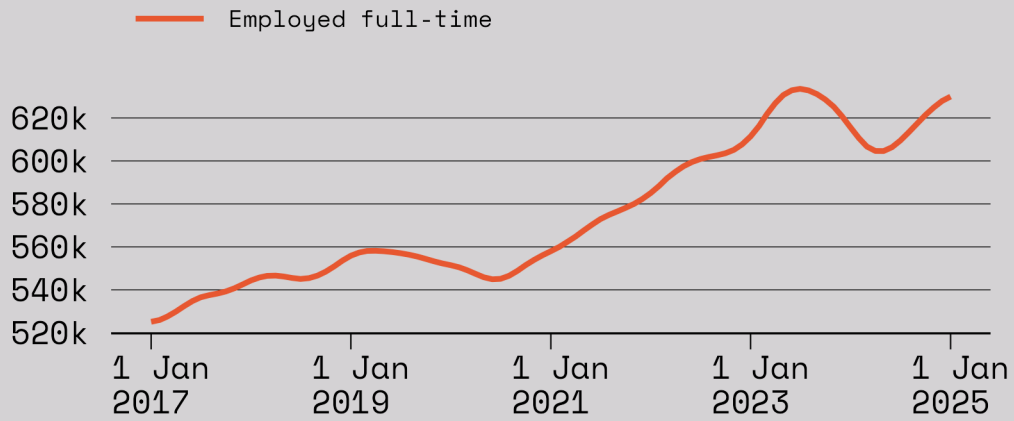


Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in South Australia increased by 5,300 (0.8%) to 632,200 in January, and has increased by 19 (3.1%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in South Australia, in original terms increased by 2,300 (0.7%) to 325,500 in January. Part-time employment has increased by 14 (4.2%) over the last year.

Employed Part-Time

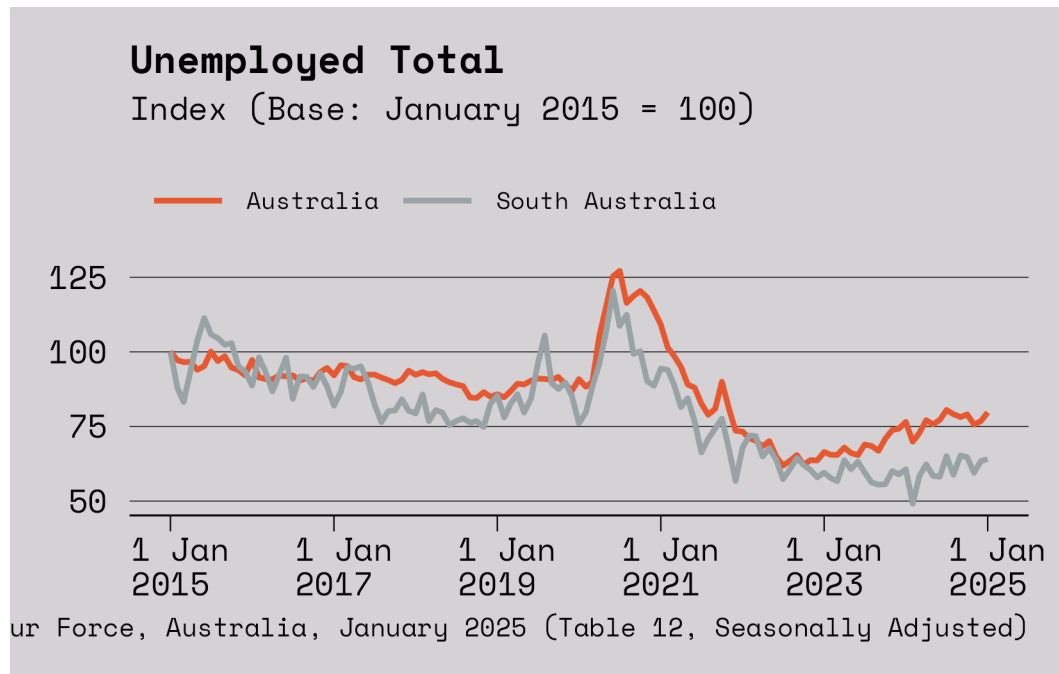
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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, January 2025 (Table 12, Trend)

Unemployment

- In January, the total number of unemployed people in South Australia increased by 400 (1.0%) to 41,800.
- Compared with January last year, unemployment in South Australia has increased by 2 (5.3%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in January increased by 23,400 (3.7%) to 627,500 people.

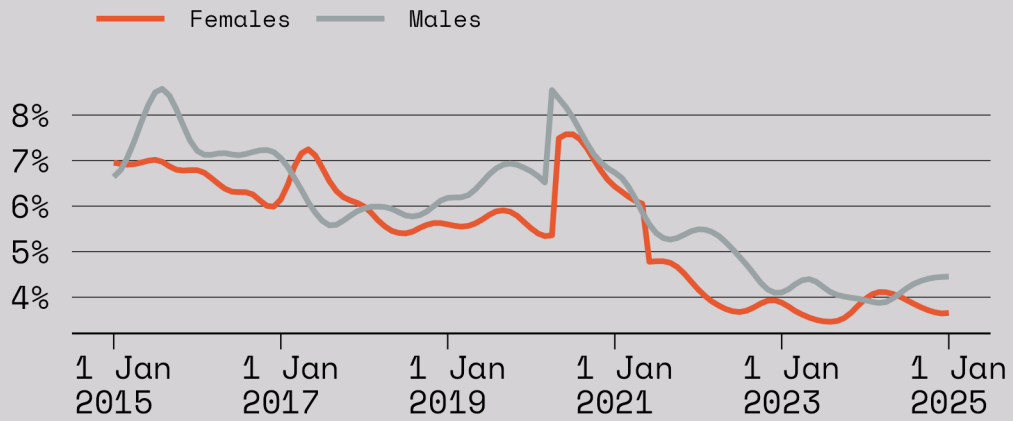


Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In January, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in South Australia increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.5%.
- Compared with January last year male unemployment in South Australia has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in increased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.7%.
- Compared with January last year female unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate

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Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, January 2025 (Table 12, Trend)

Underemployment

- The underemployment rate `r_change(labour_force, filter_with = filter_list, ym = 'month')`. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 7,600 (11.3%) to 67,200 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 8 (-12.6%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in January remained steady at 6.0% and the total number of people underemployed increased by 6,400 (0.7%) to 914,300.

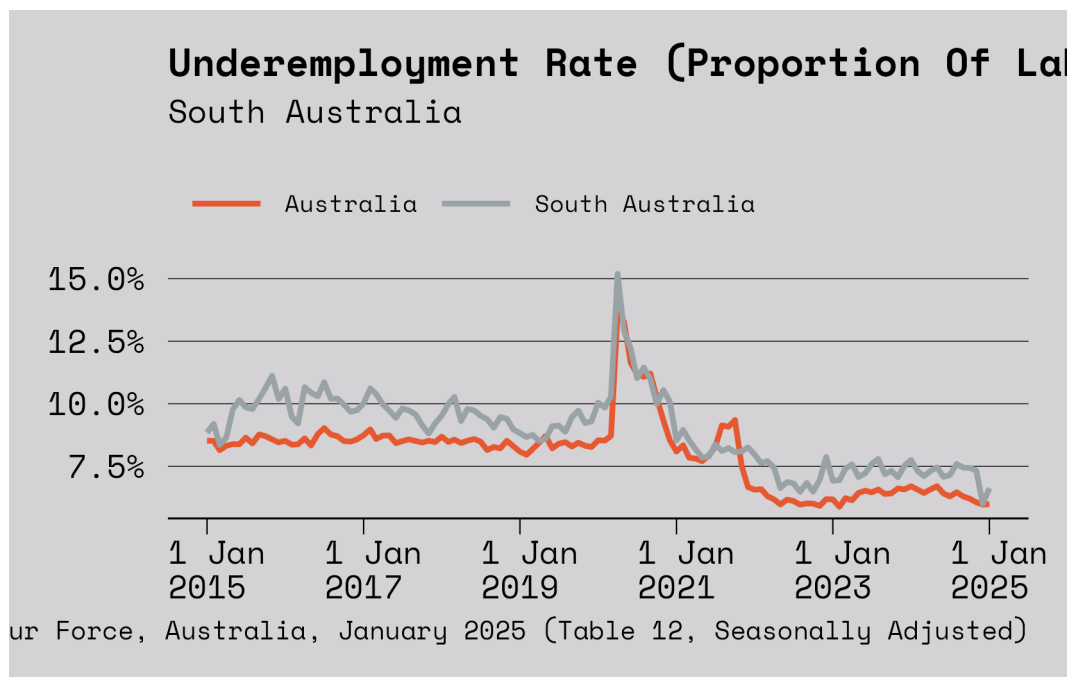


Figure 1

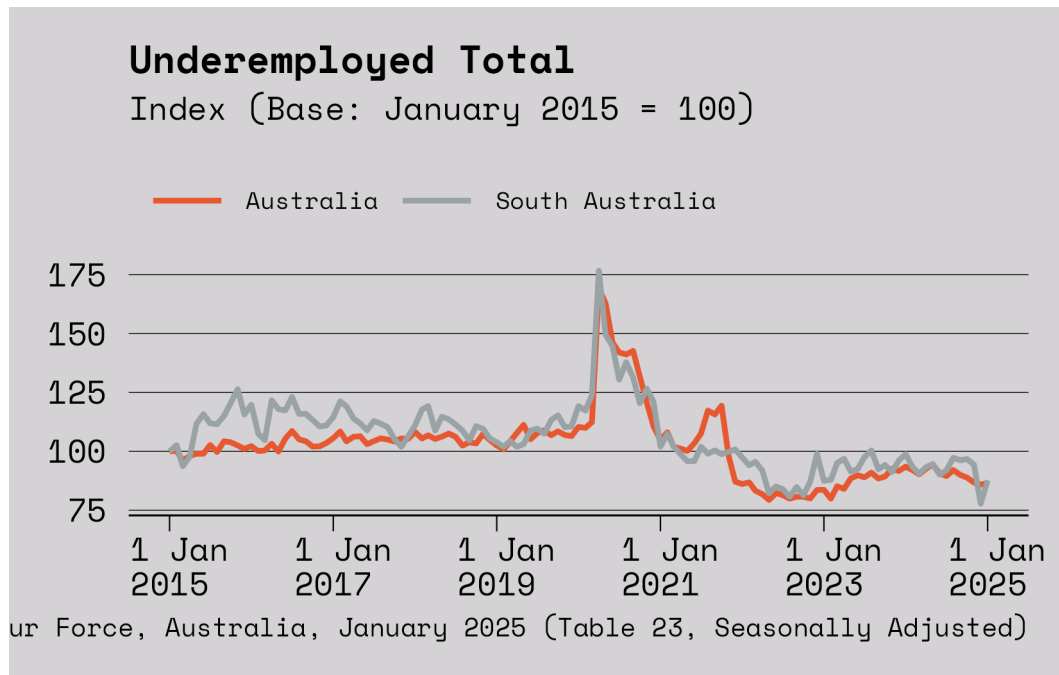


Figure 2

Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 2.62 million (2.0%) to 128.93 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in South Australia has increased by 9886.0 percentage points.
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in January decreased by 7.31 million (-0.4%) to 1,971 million.

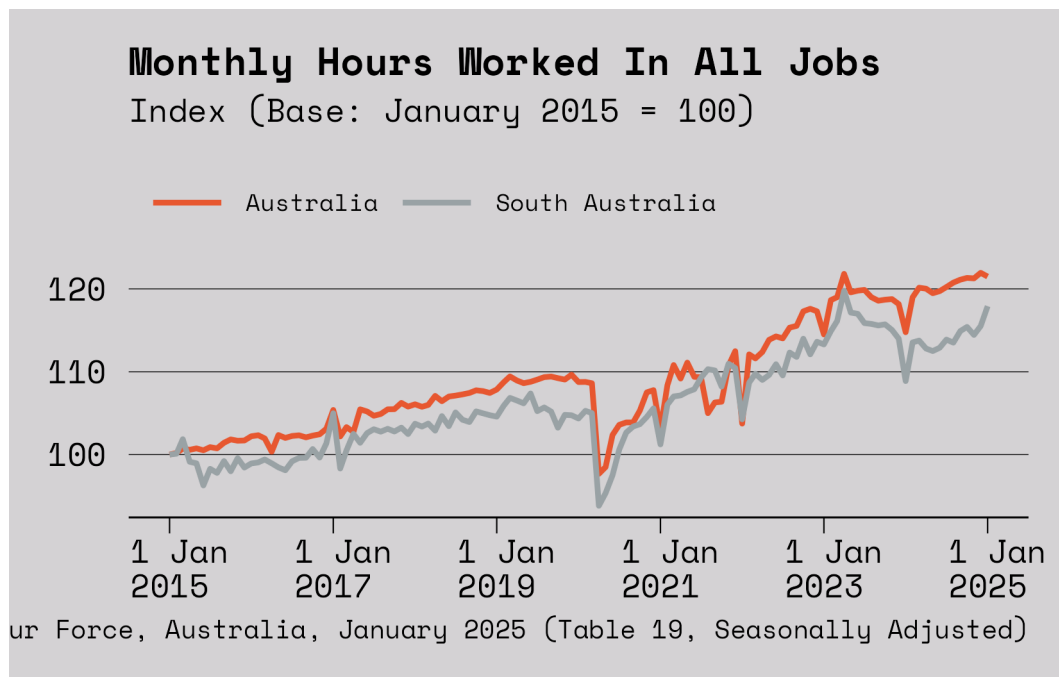


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